

Michigan Medicaid Long Term Care Task Force

MINUTES

Monday, July 19, 2004
Lake Ontario Room
State Library and Historical Center
Lansing, Michigan

Members Present: R. Alcodray-Khalifa, G. Betters, R. Carter, R. Chaney, Senator Cherry, T. Czerwinski, M. Cody, S. Gire, M. Hardy, Y. McKinney, J. Mendez, M. Moers, J. Olszewski, Representative Shaffer, S. Steinke, J. Sutton, M. Udow, T. Wong

Members Absent: Senator Hammerstrom

Other: E. Sugrue Hyman representing D. Hoyle, Kirsten Fisk representing Representative Gillard

Call to Order: The second meeting of the Medicaid Long Term Care Task Force was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Chaney who introduced Amy Slonim, Michigan Public Health Institute, who will serve as process facilitator during all Task Force meetings.

Review and Approval of Agenda: Approved by voice vote with one minor correction in the time of day designated for public comment (from 11:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.).

Review and Approval of June 29 Minutes: Motion by Steinke, seconded by Czerwinski, to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes were corrected to reflect that Value Statement #12 is to be a separate workgroup as well as an overarching statement applicable to the entire proceedings. Minutes were corrected to reflect public comments offered by Olmstead Coalition member Carolyn LeJuste, requesting that the Department of Community Health include consumers, and actual recipients of services, in all discussion regarding long term care policy. Minutes of June 29, 2004, with the two corrections, were approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson Chaney reviewed with Task Force members draft correspondence addressed to DCH Director Janet Olszewski requesting that a resolution on behalf of the task force be forwarded "to ask the legislature to restore funding for the home help program." Members were reminded that the resolution was adopted at the first meeting by a voice vote.

Old Business:

1. Background Materials in Binder: Task force members were encouraged to familiarize themselves with background materials provided in the binder distributed at the first meeting.
2. Voting Protocol Clarification: Jan Christensen reviewed the proposed voting protocol with members which allows meeting attendance in person or by telephone conferencing. Voting is permitted in person or by telephone conferencing. Voting will also be permitted by mail. Voting by proxy is unnecessary under this protocol. It was moved by Senator Cherry and seconded by J. Mendez to adopt the voting protocol as proposed. Steinke offered a friendly amendment to allow voting by e-mail and/or facsimile. Motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

3. Vision Statement and Values:

- Chairperson Chaney reviewed the proposed combinations of Values statements agreed to at the June 29 meeting that will serve as the basis for workgroup activity. After significant discussion and several motions to amend combinations, the following workgroups were proposed:

Workgroup A (3 & 4): single point of entry, person centered planning

Workgroup B (5 & 10): finance

Workgroup C (6 & 7): continuum development

Workgroup D (8): workforce development

Workgroup E (12/13): education, consumer participation

Workgroup F (11): chronic care

Workgroup G (9): legislative and regulatory reform

Value Statements 1 and 2 are considered integral to the deliberations of each workgroup.

It was moved by Alcodray-Khalifa and seconded by Shaffer to constitute workgroups based on the revised combinations. Motion approved by voice vote.

- Chairperson Chaney read a proposed revision to the Vision statement for consideration by task force membership. Pending further discussion and input, members will vote to adopt at a later date.

Steinke presented alternate language and rationale for changing the Vision and Values statement. She proposed two value statements with multiple components under each. The value statements and components were derived from the original Vision and Values document developed by the DCH internal staff workgroup. Steinke's document was accepted as background material for Task Force consideration.

New Business:

1. Proposed Executive Committee: Chairperson Chaney expressed a desire to establish an Executive Committee comprised of current officers and two new members. She indicated that Tom Czerwinski and Gerald Betters had agreed to serve in that capacity pending Task Force approval. Motion by Alcodray-Khalifa and second by Steinke to establish the Executive Committee. Motion approved by voice vote.
2. Seven workgroups by combinations of new values and components were established.
3. Workgroup Priorities and Reporting Schedule: Udow suggested that some workgroups need to be started sooner. Membership agreed that Workgroups A, C and F need to be started right away, and the remainder initiated as progress dictates. It was agreed that the Executive Committee will establish workgroups and reporting dates in a manner that supports formulation of recommendations for the interim report due to the Governor in October.
4. Workgroup Assignments: Membership reviewed Chairperson Chaney's July 14 letter outlining proposed workgroup operations. Motion by Czerwinski and seconded by Moers to adopt with the exception that workgroup chairs and members will be appointed by the Task Force Chairperson. Motion approved by voice vote.

Workgroup chairs will establish meeting schedules and post on the website (www.ihcs.msu.edu/LTC) to elicit public input. Members were asked to sign-up for workgroups during the lunch break.

Public Comment:

Jay Plane', disability advocate, spoke to the need for trustworthy, honest individuals to provide services to the handicapped. He urged consideration of mandatory background checks for such providers to ensure safety of vulnerable individuals.

Bud Kraft from the Developmental Disabilities Council presented on behalf of the Council. Mr. Kraft spoke to the need to evaluate assessment tools closely, and to make certain that assistive technology is considered. He also suggested changes from "care" to "supports", and to keep in mind that there are many options to guardianship. He noted that individuals with cognitive impairments may only require assistance.

Paul Bridgewater informed the Task Force on the "Dying Before Their Time" report that the Detroit Area Agency on Aging commissioned last year. Findings indicate that the older population in Detroit is dying at a dramatically higher rate than their counterparts in other areas of the state, a pattern that is repeated in other urban areas. It is believe this is not only an issue of race but one of environment and access to services. Mr. Bridgewater distributed CD copies of the report and invited members to attend the 2-day Living Long, Living Well conference being held to deliberate issues and brainstorm solutions.

Val Sanford, from MDCH Medical Services Administration Long Term Care, noted that choice and need must be considered separately.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Members were reminded to sign-up for the various workgroups. The meeting was reconvened at approximately 1:15p.m.

Person Centered Planning Presentations:

Pam Werner from the MDCH Office of Consumer Directed Home and Community-based Services described the person centered planning process as codified in the Michigan Mental Health Code and employed within the behavioral health plan for individuals with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities. Christine Hennessey, Lansing Community College, addressed PCP from an aging perspective, suggesting that practitioners need to look behind the words to experience the feel. Sally Burton Hoyle, Executive Director of the Autism Society of Michigan discussed implementation of person centered planning and the role of the facilitator in guiding the planning process.

Task Force Member Discussion and Comments:

Discussion ensued among Task Force members, many expressing a desire to become better educated about person centered planning and its role in the delivery of services, citing a need for bureaucratic flexibility and regulatory reform to foster its development and expansion across the full spectrum of settings and programs.

Next meeting date and agenda topics:

The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2004 in the Lake Ontario Room, Michigan Library and Historical Center. Members should forward suggestions for agenda items to Chairperson Chaney. Moers requested copies of committee reports. Cody suggested a presentation on the

national long- term care reform efforts from a National Governor's Association perspective. Members suggested a presentation or information regarding James Conroy available data.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.